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What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, January 24

3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 25

5:30 LTC Meeting

Friday, December 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

Monday, Jan. 29

No in-person What We Believe Class

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Wednesday, Jan. 31

9:30 LAAF

3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

4:00 Mid-Week Manna

6:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, Feb. 1

Friday, Feb. 2

Office closed

Saturday, Feb. 4

Sunday, Feb. 5

8:30 Chapel Worship

8:45 Handbells

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Sanctuary Worship

4:00 Trinity Village Vespers

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

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I awoke this morning, Monday, January 22nd, thinking about the road conditions and weather forecasts last Monday as the first significant wintry precipitation of the season brought things to a standstill. As I thought about how the weather has a way of forcing us to stop, I realized when we accept the invitation to pause, we are likely to discover other invitations as well.

As weather conditions limit our mobility, some of us become anxious and spend our time closely monitoring the weather channels and the skies for further worrisome conditions or potential relief. Others of us begin to identify those household projects we have been avoiding for and fill our unexpected windfall of time with productive accomplishments.

But I wonder how many of us uncovered the hidden treasure in our winter reprieve. Who used this opportunity to pause and spend more time with God, discerning God's will and plans for your life? I wish I could raise my hand and joyfully exclaim, "Me! Me," but regretfully I fall into the camp of intense bathroom cleaning. Sometimes we don't recognize the invitation we received until the possibility of participation has passed. Not to worry though! Hindsight can be a starting point, if we choose to make it one, as we pursue different attitudes and actions in the future. Sounds a bit like our recent considerations as we entered a new year!

Last Sunday, we heard about discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Perhaps the prompting to reconsider whether we are making the best use of our time is just the nudge we need to recalibrate and reprioritize our lives toward God. Have you had one of those convicting Holy Spirit nudges that you need to pray more, attend church regularly, read the Scriptures more often or participate in one of the church's ministries? If you have had one of these nudges, you are not alone! I'm almost certain, quite a few of us are feeling a similar invitation to deepen our relationship with Jesus. But what do we do?

We begin with a plan. We must shift our priorities and rearrange our schedules to create space for our time with God. I recall several years ago when I made a commitment to practice centering prayer for twenty minutes each morning. To my chagrin, I continued to oversleep and miss my prayer time. Finally, one day I had a flash of insight - Holy Spirit? Maybe! My problem was not with my morning routine; the culprit was my evening routine. I began going to bed thirty minutes earlier, so that I could awaken earlier for my time of centering prayer. It worked like a charm! But it only happened after I surrendered my will, prayed that God might give me wisdom and willingness to do things differently, and then entrusted God with my weak resolve.

I have a card that sits on my desk as a reminder in times of challenge and change. "Fear not for I am with you; be not anxious, for I am your God; I will strengthen you." Isaiah 41:10. We don't have to do this alone! It is never too late to adjust your priorities and schedule to devote more time to your relationship with God and make it a priority! How is the Spirit calling you to deepen your relationship with Jesus? Who do you need to accompany you on your journey? What opportunities to draw closer to God do you need from your church? Please send me a text or email or give me a call so we can visit about how God is calling you.

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!

What We Believe Classes

Here is the link for the Monday Night Zoom class
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86043396767?pwd=la44DIAJMbVlX45wFjrL8QjZlMqWc.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
6:30 – 7:30 pm Library
Thursdays 6:00 – 7:00 pm Library Beginning 1/25/24

No in-person class Monday, January 29

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.

Recent Storm Damage Southeast District News

Please be in prayer for Rev. Gary Sneed and the Hampton UMC family.

As you may have seen on the news, the city of Hampton experienced major storm damage. The Hampton Church had minor damages, including a broken window upstairs, loss of several roof shingles, and kitchen and porch awnings destroyed. One corner of the parsonage was damaged and the hot water line is now severed. Janette Goolsby, a member of the church, had massive damage to her home. We are grateful to God that she was not hurt physically during the storm. Several downtown businesses experienced major losses. Your prayers and cards are welcomed during this time of loss for our church family in Hampton.

Cards can be sent to:

Rev. Gary Sneed and the Hampton UMC Family
P. O. Box 477
Hampton, AR 71744-0477



We pray for the sick:

Caroline Coles, Colby Lee, Barbara Tracy, Curt Owens, David Owens, Joy Cross, Kashimi Elkins, and George 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 Barrie Hardin, Jim and Dixie Webb, Andy and Elaine Vaccaro, Tommy and Susan Brown, Thomas and Sharon Braswell, Pat McIntyre, Janet Ford, and Susanne Chambliss.

In memory of Robbie Atkinson by Susanne Chambliss.

In Celebration of Terry Wynne and Judy Rudd by Mike and Marilyn Carter.

Financial Literacy for Women

The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas is hosting a free event
Thursday, January 25, 2025 in Little Rock or
Saturday, January 27, 2024 in Rogers from 10:00am - 3:30pm.
Register online at methodistfoundationAR.org

- Women report being less knowledgeable about finances compared to men.
- Women are expected to live 5 years longer than men but accumulate over \$100,000 less wealth.
- Financial education is key to eliminating these gender wealth disparities.



Camp Tanako suffered damage to the kitchen when pipes burst due to the freezing temperatures.
(pictured above)

Damage was felt locally when straight line winds took down trees and power lines, earlier in the month, causing damage to homes on the South side of Pine Bluff.



Sunday, January 21, 2024

8:30 Chapel Worship - 19
9:15 Sunday school - 35
10:30 Worship - 79
Online Worship - 14

Our Weekly Service at Church Sunday, January 28, 2024

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

Children's Moments: Jennifer Fox

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10 and Hebrews 12:1

Sermon Title: The Church and Communion of Saints

Sermon Series: What We Believe: The Apostles' Creed

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

Jan. 29 Brass Polishers: Shelby and Pete Stone

Jan. 29 Counters: Linda LaClair and Mike Frye

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

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.

Latest Sunday School News

January 28, 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 Give God the Glory for His Help. All are welcome to join.