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### What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

#### Wednesday, July 10

8:30 Project Transformation (P.T.)  
9:30 LAAF  
12:00 N2N Mtg.  
2:00-4:00 Small Group Leader Training  
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

#### Thursday, July 11

8:30 P.T.  
11:00 Trinity Village Salad Luncheon

#### Friday, July 12

Office closed  
Saturday, July 13  
8:00 Men's Breakfast

#### Sunday, July 14

8:30 Chapel Worship  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Sanctuary Worship  
11:30 Potluck and Town hall mtg.

#### Monday, July 15

8:30 P.T.

#### Tuesday, July 16

8:30 P.T.

#### Wednesday, July 17

8:30 P.T.  
9:30 LAAF  
10:00 Staff Mtg.  
2:00-4:00 Small Group Leader Training  
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

#### Thursday, July 18

8:30 P.T.

#### Friday, July 19

Office closed

#### Saturday, July 20

Sunday, July 21  
8:30 Chapel Worship  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

# The Lakeside Messenger

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Recently, I read the blog, "Connected in Christ", written by Rev. Dr. Michael Roberts on the subject of giving. As we receive our mid-year giving statements later this month, let us reflect on how a generous heart improves our spiritual health with excerpts from Rev. Dr. Roberts.

*"Tithing is a way to acknowledge that we are "the Body of Christ and individually members of it." (I Cor 12:27). With our first fruits, we build up the whole body with its many and diverse parts, gifts, perspectives, and contexts. At this first level of giving, the goal is not personal engagement with all the ways the resources might be used; the goal is the expansion of ministry and growth in love – love that is patient and kind and serves with a humility that does not insist on its own way. (I Cor 13:4-8). Our giving leads to this transformation within. As a word of caution, withholding can lead to hardness of heart. . . .*

*Biblically and positively, we are called to give in a way that illuminates the wideness of God's mercy. We put our trust in the living God who is at work for good among us, who is "above all and through all and in all." (Eph 4:6). The call is to clothe ourselves "with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another, dealing with complaints with forgiveness, and to clothe ourselves, above all, with love which binds everything together in perfect harmony." (Col 3:12-17). We are to give in this spirit and to promote this witness (See II Cor 9:6-8). If we only support those things within our narrow level of comfort, and seek to build that up, we miss out on the opportunity to practice this kind of love.*

*Giving in this way helps us to "grow up," and keep from being "tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming." As we give in this way, we build up the whole body, "joined and knit together," with each part promoting "the body's growth in building itself up in love." (Eph 4:1-16). We are called to give in support of this kind of growth. With our first gifts, we are called to give into the community as a whole, and in support of all we share in common. . . . Giving as God intends, in faith, is a way to grow up and to be blessed by the "immeasurable riches of God's grace." (Eph 2:7)*

*Beyond the tithe, we also promote offerings, where individuals give to specific projects or causes that are dear to them. This is a good thing. There is room within the whole body for parts to be promoted and supported. However, from a larger perspective, we bring harm to the whole body when we place a priority on these gifts rather than seeing our offerings as over and above the giving of first fruits. This creates stress on the whole, and can lead to an unhealthy competition between parts, driven by a spirit of scarcity rather than abundance. . . .*

*How can we "grow up," and do a better job at being the people that God has called us to be? How can we expand the table rather than shrink it down to our comfort zone? How can we glorify God rather than our own opinions? To use an image from Wesley, to build a community around a "part," rather than the whole, is not only to build our house on sand, but on the froth of the sea."*

May we strengthen the firm foundation of Lakeside UMC as together we give generously to bring God's kingdom to Earth, here and now!

*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!*

**Ways to help with the last 2 1/2 weeks of Project Transformation 2024**

**WE DESPERATELY NEED READING BUDDIES ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS. 9:50-12:00**

Clink on the link to watch a short training video

<https://youtu.be/OQXN6eOdgNo?si=SUHsdZK-sJw9Hska>

**Doughnuts for Parents:**

From 8:30-9:15am, parents are invited inside each Thursday for fellowship after they drop off their campers.

We need volunteers to provide the doughnuts and serve as host.

**End of Summer Celebration: July 24,**

Lakeside will host the End-of-summer celebration, Volunteers are needed to help set-up, serve the meal, and clean-up.

**SUMMARY OF JUNE 25, 2024 LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES**

- The May minutes, the financial and endowment reports, and the consent calendar were reviewed and approved. Use of endowment funds consistent with their stated purposes will be identified for future appropriate obligations.
- A church accounting task force will work with Ross Rickels to create policies and procedures to improve the church's expenditure reports and track the Methodist Foundation monthly reports as well as account reimbursements to Lakeside.
- Trustee chair, Gerald Majors reported fencing replacement, sanctuary and pew repairs and painting that had been completed in addition to outstanding electrical, roof and accessibility repairs and improvements that await completion.
- In anticipation of Vanessa Hernandez-Valdez' return to school in August, approval was given to hire a Mi Casa Director for 28-32 hours per week at an hourly wage commensurate with ability and experience. Additionally, Vanessa may be retained on a part-time basis for necessary tasks performed remotely.
- A Reading dogs program was approved for use with PT Arkansas. After reviewing a recommendation from Horizons Stewardship, the annual stewardship campaign will be moved to January or February of 2025. As an elder in the UMC, Pastor Judy will provide Communion for Chambersville and Kingsland UMCs one Sunday per quarter.



**We pray for the sick:**

Frances Smith, Dave Richards, Buddy Cheshier, Nathan Baltzell, Caroline Coles, Colby Lee, and Christie Barron.

**We pray for the grieving:**

The family of Stephen Browning

**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, First Responders and Project Transformation.**

**Gifts given to Lakeside**

In memory of Stephen Browning by The Discovery Sunday School Class, Roy and Deborah Whitaker, Nancy Paschal, Pete and Shelby Stone.

In memory of Don Massey by George and Lynda Pickler.



**Mark your calendar!**

Sunday, July 14th following the 10:30 worship service, we will have a potluck and Town hall meeting.

This will be our quarterly meeting as well as our "Welcome back for another year" with Pastor Judy.

Bring your favorite side-dish and/or dessert.

Meat will be provided.

**Now is the time to gather school supplies**

24 pk crayons

Colored pencils

#2 pencils

Pens— blue, red, and black

Child sized scissors— different ages

Glue sticks

Pump style hand sanitizer

Monetary donations are welcome as we will order in bulk.



**Congratulations are in order!**

Congratulations to Denilson Hernandez. He has been awarded the William A. & Marilyn Locker Waddell Memorial Scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Denilson will be attending Central Baptist College in Conway this fall.



**Sunday, July 7, 2024**

8:30 Chapel Worship - Didn't meet due to holiday

9:15 Sunday school - no SS

10:30 Worship - 75

Online Worship - 14

Trinity Village Vespers— 29

**Our Weekly Service at Church July 14, 2024**

**Senior Pastor:** Reverend Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** Yvonne Glien

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

**Sermon:** God's Plan for a Family

**Sermon Series:** Living the Love of Christ:

Lessons from Ephesians

**Scripture:** Ephesians 1:3-14

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

**July 15 Brass Polishers:** Ann Tibbs and Pat Morgan

**July 15 Counters:** Shelby Stone and Laura Richards

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

[www.facebook.com/lakesidepb](http://www.facebook.com/lakesidepb)

[www.youtube.com/@lumc\\_pinebluff](http://www.youtube.com/@lumc_pinebluff)

Check out what is happening at Lakeside on our website

**New addition to the Lakeside family**

Congratulations to Charlie Milam and Jaycee Johnson.

Chase Ryan Milam was born July 1st.

Proud grandparents are Bubba and Pam Milam.



**Don't forget your tuna!**

The pantry is in need of tuna for our monthly donation to Neighbor to Neighbor. You may bring cans or pouches of tuna to the office or place in baskets outside the elevator.



**Latest Sunday School News**

**July 7, 2024 9:15am.**

**Discovery Class:** Our class will be participating in What We Believe with Pastor Judy (9:30-10:00am.)

**Wesley Class:** This week's discussion— Jesus and the Sabbath. All are welcome to attend.